

AGRICULTURE.

EARLY FATTENING OF ANIMALS.—It is quite as important to fatten and market economically the animal products of the farm, as it is to raise them. A pound of beef, or pork, or poultry, can be made much cheaper in September and October, than later in the season, when a larger part of the rations must go to keep up animal heat. There is no sleight of hand in laying fat upon an animal's carcass. It must come out of good honest food in the rations fed. The temperature in the latter part of summer and early autumn is in favor of the best use of all the fattening articles of food, while there is enough of green food to sharpen the appetite, and keep up good digestion. We have found green corn stalks, especially sweet corn, an excellent article in the sty, to be fed in connection with corn on the cob, and corn meal, and other rations. We have never seen pork made more rapidly than with this kind of feeding. It will be safe to feed all that the swine will eat up clean, and no more. Slack up the feed a little when anything is left in the trough. This will require a little attention, but the pigs will grow so fast, that one can afford to linger by the sty a few minutes, once in a day, to see the fat accumulate. Corn is high this season, and we want to make the best use of it. The best poultrymen we know begin to give extra feed in September, when they mean to kill in November. The Thanksgiving market is pretty sure to be a good one, and brings ready cash. The small potatoes boiled, and mixed with Indian meal and hot water, make an excellent feed for turkeys and other poultry. This favors growth, as well as fattening. The rations of corn and other grain, unground, may be reserved to the last few weeks of life. Turkeys should have their liberty all through the extra feeding. Some poultrymen shut up their geese and ducks, but we doubt the economy of this method. With a good run, they will have a greater variety of feed, and thrive better with an access to a pasture with pond or brook while they are receiving full feed for market. All that the fattening animals will eat up clean is a good rule for the last month of feeding.

ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Thirty-first Annual Fair and Cattle Show will be held at Bradford, Vt., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 26th, 27th and 28th.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.
President, J. W. Bliss, Bradford; Vice Presidents, NATHANIEL BAILEY, Haverhill, N. H.; HENRY WHICHER, Newbury Vt.; Secretary, ARAD S. CORLISS, East Corinth; Treasurer, J. B. W. PRICHARD, Bradford; General Superintendent, J. H. PETERS, Bradford; Marshal, DAN. ROWLAND, East Corinth.

The Society have adopted the following provisions:
On the first day of the Fair the Secretary will be in attendance at the ticket office, near the entrance of the enclosure, from 10 until 12 o'clock, for the purpose of entering articles presented for examination. The Directors will be in session at the Judges' stand on the second day, from 9 until 10 o'clock, where all Committees are requested to report themselves.

Stock and articles must be entered in the names of the owners, and Grain, Fruit, Vegetables, Dairy Products and Domestic Manufactures must have been raised and made by the exhibitors thereof.
No premium shall be awarded on any article unless invented, improved, used or manufactured by the claimant and possessing some distinguishing property rendering them preferable to others in common use.

No animals, Articles or Products shall be entered for more than one premium except Oxen in Town Teams and Herds.
Every statement required from applicants must have the name and residence legibly written.

On cattle, the owners must show Herd Book pedigree.
The evidence necessary in any case to entitle an applicant to a premium, will be left entirely to the judgment of the Judges are instructed not to award premiums in any case where the rules are not strictly observed.

It shall be the duty of the several Judges to make a report in writing of the premiums awarded respectively, detailing as practicable the particular improvements or distinguishing property of the Products, Articles or Animals on which premiums are awarded.

All Animals entered for premiums must be placed in their respective pens or places of exhibition before 12 o'clock M., of the first day of the Fair. Premiums will not be paid on articles or stock removed from the grounds previous to the close of the Fair, except such removal is by special permit of the President or the Secretary. Superintendents will please take notice.

Each Town Team must be accompanied with an appropriate banner, bearing the name of the town which it represents. Said teams are requested

to come the second day of the Fair, at 10 o'clock A. M.

All other property entered for premium must be entered on the Secretary's list, and be deposited in the places assigned by the Committee of Arrangements, for the inspection of the Judges the first day of the Fair, and remain until examined by the Judges, and premiums announced as above.

Trotting Match, Plowing Match, Drawing Match, etc., will take place in such order and time as will best accommodate and entertain the people, and notice will be given from the Stand, from time to time, of the order of exercises as arranged by the Committee of Arrangements.

Premiums will be awarded on Articles and Animals of superior quality and merit only, and all animals unworthy a place in the Exhibition, will be excluded by the Managers.

Hay and straw will be provided on the grounds for all animals that may be exhibited.

For any information pertaining to the Fair, or accommodations for horses or stock previous to the Fair, address A. S. Corliss, Secretary, East Corinth.

A good and complete police force will be in attendance, to guard and protect the property on exhibition, but the Society will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the same.

Season and Exhibitor's Tickets \$1.00 each, to be had of the Treasurer entitling the person owning the same to admission to the Fair Grounds during the Exhibition, and to exhibit and compete for any premium offered, but if any ticket is transferred to any person other than the one whose name is written thereon, the same becomes forfeited to the Society, together with any premium that may be awarded under the same.
Single admission, 25 cents; one horse pleasure carriage, 25 cents each; two horse pleasure carriage, 50 cents. A liberal discount for children.

Entrance fee for gentlemen's driving horse, \$2. For matched horses, \$2.

No person who is an exhibitor can act as a Judge on the class in which he exhibits; and during the examination of the Judges if any person interferes with them, by letter or otherwise, he will be excluded from competition, but exhibitors, when requested, are expected to make written or verbal statements concerning their contributions.

The Society have adopted the following provisions: viz: That all premiums and purses are liable to pro-rata reduction sufficient to meet any deficiency that may occur in the receipts to meet said premiums and other expenses. Also all premiums not called for within ninety days will be cancelled in favor of the Society.

Where there is no competition, the exhibitor may receive such awards as the Judges may determine, but shall not receive all the premiums offered in that class.

Arrangements will be made for the trial of draft horses and oxen, testing their strength, docility, etc., at a load. All Stallions 4 years old and over, exhibited for premium must draw by the merits of their stock, and show at least three.

All articles or animals that have drawn the first premium are excluded from premiums.

Horses, or other stock, occupying stalls or pens must be entered on the book of the Secretary, for exhibition, and if not shown in competition, when called for by the Awarding Committee, will be charged \$2 a day for the time the stalls or pens were occupied.

Cards will be furnished by the Judges, to be signed by them and attached to premium articles and animals only. Blue will designate first premiums, and red second premiums.

HORSES.

STALLIONS.

4 years old and over must show at least three of their stock.

Best stallions 6 years old and over, \$6 \$4

do 4 years old and under 6, 5 3

do 3 years old, 3 2

do 2 years old, 2 1

do yearlings, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—William K. Wallace, Woodville; N. H.; Ed. S. Cook, Thetford; Geo. W. Chamberlin, So. Newbury.

MARES.

Best brood mare with foal at her side, \$6 \$4 \$3

COMMITTEE.—Wilber Morris, Fairlee; C. B. Smith, West Fairlee; Lyman Robie, Piermont, N. H.

FOUR YEARS OLD AND UNDER.

Best 4 years old, \$4 \$2

do 3 years old, 3 2

do 2 years old, 2 1

do yearlings, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—D. T. Hale, Orford; J. N. Knight, Corinth; George Harri-man, Bradford.

MATCHED HORSES.

Best pair matched horses, mares or geldings, both owned by same party, \$6 \$4

COMMITTEE.—W. H. Gilmore, Fairlee; B. F. Dickenson, Chelsea; Parker Wright, Orford.

GENT'S DRIVING HORSES.

Best single gelding or mare 5 years old or over, \$6 \$4

COMMITTEE.—J. H. Jones, Bradford; G. L. Church, West Fairlee; Nathaniel Bailey, Haverhill.

DRAFT HORSES.

Best pair draft horses, \$6 \$4

COMMITTEE.—H. A. Jackman, Topsham; S. A. Eastman, So. Newbury; C. A. Manson, Piermont.

CATTLE.

DURHAMS.

Best bull 1 years old and over, \$6 \$4

do do yearling, 3 2

do bull calf, 2 1

do cow 3 years old and over, 5 3

do 2 years old heifer, 3 2

do 1 year old heifer, 2 1

do heifer calf, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—Francis Porter, Lyme, P. K. Robinson, West Fairlee; Richard Doe, Newbury.

JERSEYS OR ALDERNEYS.

Premiums same as Durhams.

COMMITTEE.—A. M. Peach, Newbury; Frank Page East Corinth; Jerome Hale, Bradford.

DEVONS.

Best bull 2 years old and over, \$5 \$3

do yearling bull, 3 2

do bull calf, 2 1

do cow 3 years old and over, 5 3

do heifer 2 years old, 3 2

do yearling heifer, 2 1

do heifer calf, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—Horace E. Renfrew, Newbury; A. F. Southworth, West Fairlee; John Miles, Topsham.

DUTCH OR HOLSTEIN CATTLE.

Premiums same as on Devons.

COMMITTEE.—Henry S. Bailey, Haverhill, N. H.; Henry White, Topsham; J. R. Caldwell, Topsham.

NATIVE AND MIXED BLOOD.

Best bull 2 years old and over, \$4 \$2

do bull 1 year old, 2 1

do bull calf, 2 1

do cow 3 years old and over, 4 2

do heifer 2 years old, 3 2

do yearling heifer, 2 1

do calf, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—S. A. Eastman, So. Newbury; James Fuller, Hanover, N. H.; Elijah Emery, West Topsham.

TOWN TEAMS.

Best 5 yokes of oxen from any one town, \$20, \$15, \$10

COMMITTEE.—Luther Butler, Woodville, Ed. Ford, Orford, A. M. Whitcher, Ryegate.

STEER TOWN TEAMS.

Best 5 yokes 3 years old steers, \$10 \$5

do 5 yokes 2 years old steers, 5 4

COMMITTEE.—Henry West, Thetford, J. R. Stacy, Vershire, Peach Thomas, South Ryegate.

TOWN TEAM YEARLING STEERS.

1st premium \$4; 2nd premium \$3

COMMITTEE.—Oscar Renfrew, Newbury; Frank Ordway, Topsham; Fred Graves, Strafford.

STEERS.

Best trained 3 year old, \$3 \$2

do 2 years old, 2 1

do 1 year old, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—Ed. Underhill, Piermont; W. C. Johnson, Bradford; Dan Johnson, Newbury.

DRAFT OXEN.

Best pair draft oxen, \$4 \$3

COMMITTEE.—Silas Titus, Vershire; Joseph Tibbetts, West Fairlee; T. S. Ladd, East Corinth.

HERD OF CATTLE.

A discretionary premium will be allowed for the best herd of 10 head of cattle.

COMMITTEE.—Henry Whitcher, Newbury; Jonathan Johnson, Bradford; Nathaniel Bailey, Haverhill.

WORKING OXEN.

The Judges will require working oxen to be practiced at both hauling and backing before a cart, up hill and on level ground. Particular reference will be had to close matching, training, docility and breed, as well as to size and general appearance.

Oxen and steers broken to the yoke must be presented in the yoke, with the chains to secure them, and be accompanied by a suitable person to take charge of them. Fat cattle, simply because they are large and fat, do not come under this head.

Best pair working oxen, \$4 \$3

do 4 years old steers, 4 3

COMMITTEE.—J. L. Edwards, Newbury; G. M. Richardson, Corinth; G. B. Hayes, Fairlee.

FAT CATTLE.

Best pair fat oxen, \$4 \$3

do fat cow, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—L. R. Hutchinson, East Orange; J. P. Bailey, South Newbury; H. M. Miller, West Fairlee.

MILCH COWS.

Exhibitors in this class must show or certify the quantity of milk for some given month of the present season.

Best milch cow, \$4 \$3

COMMITTEE.—James Gray, Ryegate; R. F. Richardson, Washington, J. N. Worthen, Thetford.

DAIRY.

Competitors for premiums on butter or cheese will be required to lodge with the Committee a full and detailed account of the process of manufacture and preservation of the articles presented, and also the number of cows kept, and the manner of keeping them.

Best tub June butter, 25 lbs. or more, \$2 \$1

Best tub September butter, 25 lbs. or more, 2 1

Best cheese 50 lbs. or more, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—G. B. Nelson, Ryegate; John Henderson, Newbury; Charles Kent Lyme; N. H.

SHEEP.

SPANISH MERINO.

Best buck 2 years old or over, \$3 \$2

do do 1 year old, 2 1

do do lamb, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—N. S. Bailey, Haverhill, N. H.; E. M. Fullerton, Union Village; John D. Martin, Haverhill, N. H.

SPANISH MERINO EWES AND LAMBS.

Best 3 ewes 2 years old and over, \$3 \$2

Best 1 year old, 2 1

do lambs, 2 1

SOUTHDOWNS.

Same as Merinos.

COMMITTEE.—W. H. Atkinson, Newbury; Thomas E. Bond, West Fairlee; J. B. Wilson, West Newbury.

COTSWOLDS.

Premiums and Committee same as Southdowns.

GRADE BUCKS.

Best buck 2 years old and over, \$3 \$2

do do 1 year old and over, 2 1

do do lambs, 2 1

COMMITTEE.—Jessie Baldwin, Bradford; J. F. Clark, Lyme; Nelson Worthly, East Corinth.

GRADE EWES AND LAMBS.

Best 3 ewes 2 years old, \$3 \$2

do 3 ewes 1 year old, 2 1

do lambs, 2 1

SWINE.

BERKSHIRE.

Best boar, \$3 \$2

do sow and pigs, 3 2

COMMITTEE.—Ira H. Gilbert, East Corinth; M. N. Quimby, J. H. Johnson West Fairlee.

POLAND CHINA.

Premiums and Committees same as Berkshire.

ANY WHITE OR MIXED BLOOD.

Premiums and Committee same as Berkshire.

POULTRY.

Best trio Plymouth Rock, \$1, 50c

do do Brown Leghorn, 1, 50c

do do White Leghorn, 1, 50c

do do Partridge Cochins, 1, 50c

do do Brahmas, 1, 50c

do do Hamburgs, 1, 50c

do do native or mixed, 1, 50c

do do turkeys, 1, 50c

do do ducks, 1, 50c

do do geese, 1, 50c

COMMITTEE.—Dan Rowland, East Corinth; George Chamberlin, South Newbury; Johnson Golden, Bradford.

FRUIT.

Best and largest variety of grafted apples, \$2, \$1, 50c

do native apples, 2 1, 50c

do grafted pears, 1, 50c

do plums, 1, 50c

do grapes, 1, 50c

COMMITTEE.—G. S. B. Stevens, Bradford; Ira Gilbert, East Corinth; Wm. S. B. Celley, Fairlee.

SPECIMENS OF GRAIN.

Best half bush. winter wheat, \$1, 50c

do do spring wheat, 1, 50c

do do barley, 1, 50c

do do oats, 50c

Best trace seed corn, 50c

COMMITTEE.—J. B. Peckett, Bradford; J. H. Howe, Piermont; W. H. Rannels, Newbury.

VEGETABLES.

Best peck table potatoes, 50c

do do onions, 50c

do do beets, 50c

do do carrots, 50c

do do English turnips, 50c

do do beans, 50c

do do peas, 50c

Best half-peck tomatoes, 50c

do 3 pumpkins, 50c

do 3 squashes, each for 3 varieties, 50c

do 3 watermelons, 50c

do 3 muskmelons, 50c

do 6 cabbage-heads, 50c

COMMITTEE.—Ethan Diamond, Ely; A. T. Baldwin, Wells River; H. P. Cummings, Thetford.

SUGAR AND HONEY.

Best specimen honey, 12 lbs. or more, \$2, \$1

do maple sugar do., 2, 1

COMMITTEE.—A. A. George and wife, Topsham; A. M. Dickey and wife, Bradford; A. J. Whitcher and wife, Newbury.

COOKERY.

Best loaf white bread, 50c

do brown bread, 50c

do apple pie, 50c

do blueberry, 50c

do mince, 50c

do custard, 50c

do loaf of cake,